

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But They are using their ownership to pursue their own political agenda, without providing equal time for opposing points of view. This is a dangerous departure from journalistic ethics which threatens not only the free press but ultimately, democracy itself.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.